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Photo by Ed Evans

On the Cover

At the 2001 Corporate Challenge in Nashville, Tenn., on Oct. 13, Lucas Adcock places the medal he won in the 3-4 Year Old Race around the neck of his mother, Linda, following her running in the Women's Open Race. With Lucas and his mother were his father, Ricky, and brother Jacob. Linda is a member of the Planning, Programs and Project Management Division. District team members from the Nashville and field offices participated in the event involving athletes from corporate offices in the Nashville area.

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Lieutenant Colonel Steve Gay

The Bottom Line

Hello to everyone in the Nashville District and thank you very much for your efforts during the last several months. As you know, my duties require me to travel quite often. During my travels I very often have the opportunity to learn about other federal and private organizations. And while I am grateful for the experience to visit nice people and good organizations, I freely admit that after being a member of the District for only five months, you have spoiled me and I miss all of you. Therefore, I want to thank you for taking such great care of me as your Commander but to also tell you something you may not know or if you did, you may have forgotten. And that is....the Nashville District is a great place to work and serve our nation. People are friendly, thoughtful, work as a team, and are eager to learn, improve and make a difference in the lives of the people we serve.

Engineer Regulation (ER) 5-1-11, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Business Process, is out. If you have not read it, please do so as soon as possible....it's only nine pages long. ER 5-1-11 describes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' project management business process (PMBP), the process we use to deliver quality projects and services to our customers. Central to the regulation and concept of PMBP are the seven USACE Business Process Imperatives: one project, one team, one project manager; plan for success and keep commitments; the project delivery team (PDT) is responsible for project success; measure quality with the goals and expectations in the project management plan (PMP); manage all work with the PMBP, using corporate automated information systems (P2 will replace PROMIS software); build effective communications into all activities and processes; and use best practices and continuous improvement. I am proud of our progress in implementing project management as a business process. For example, we already have project management plans for all of our planning, design, and construction projects and several of our major O&M projects. We conduct monthly process review boards, weekly hot project meetings, annual acquisition

strategy meetings, and we are led by the best DPM and other senior civilian leaders in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. As much as we have done, there will soon be much more to do as we fully transform into a district that uses PPMB for all of its business processes. Recently, the senior leaders and many of you reviewed the draft PPMD manual that describes in some detail how we will implement PPMB in FY03. Thanks to all who provided comments, it is our duty to provide a "reality check" to our higher headquarters and I am confident our comments will be given full consideration. During my recent new commander's briefing to LTG Bob Flowers, he addressed concerns about the pending PMBP manual. He said the PMBP is meant to enable the USACE team. Specifically, he said instructions in the soon to be published manual are not meant to be prescriptive, rather, they should be treated as doctrine, similar to ER-501-11. He went on to say that the manual can not tell every project manager how to execute every element of his or her job and that each district will have the authority to use our "just do it card" to make the PMBP work best for us and those we serve. LTG Flowers closed by encouraging all districts to remain engaged during the editing of the PMBP manual to ensure we are provided with the best product possible. I, along with the other seven DEs present, was extremely encouraged by the Chief's commitment to include field input and his acknowledgement and permission to execute elements of the PMBP manual that enable our project managers and their projects.

Before I close, I want to recognize a few acts of teamwork that resulted in outstanding events, programs, meetings, products or services during the last several months. The Corporate Challenge organization team (Jim Deal and Kathryn Firsching) and participant team, the Combined Federal Campaign Co-Chairs (Bill Peoples and Micki Porter) and their organization team, Chickamauga Feasibility Study team, organizers and volunteers of the Lake Cumberland, Barkley, and Cheatham Publics Lands Day events, organizers and participants of the Ranger Forum, organiz-



ers of the National Reservation Resource System Conference, Acquisition Strategy meetings and all the project managers who briefed their projects, organizers of the BG Hawkins visit, organizers of retired Colonel Norwood's reception, to all those who assisted Bob Jackson and his family after his accident and especially to all those who have worked so hard to ensure our projects and District Office are as secure as possible.

Lastly, as the winter season approaches I ask that each of you take a few measures to ensure you and your families are safe. House fires are of greater concern during cold weather and the holidays. Be sure to check all decoration wiring for cracks or breaks in the insulation. It is also a good idea to change smoke alarm batteries and test smoke alarms throughout your home. Winter weather also demands we take precautionary measures on our cars. For example, it is a good idea to check the condition of your tires, wiper blades, battery, and coolant to ensure your car is prepared to operate in hazardous winter conditions. Lastly, watch out for black ice! When roads are wet and the temperature drops below freezing, a thin layer of transparent ice can form. Slow down during these conditions. Remember, nothing we do at home, work or traveling in between is worth an injury.

Thanks to your individual and team efforts I am happy to report that I have a good day, every day while serving you in the Nashville District. You make it easy for me to remain committed to making a difference every day. For the coming holiday season, I wish upon each of you the satisfaction I enjoy through my personal commitment to have fun and make a differenceevery day! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the entire Nashville District family. □

Ranger Saves Man's Life at Cheatham Dam

Story and Photos by Bill Peoples

On July 29, Park Ranger Tadd Potter helped rescue a man who had fallen off of a boat and was clinging to the trash rack near the intakes to the Cheatham Dam generators. His quick efforts saved the man's life.

"I was on my way home crossing the dam, when I saw a boat with a two men, an adult lady and a child with it," said Tadd Potter, park ranger, Cheatham Lake. "The lady and a man were in the water. I watched them for a while and they managed to get the woman in the boat, after about five minutes of struggling. They then tried to get the man in the water in the boat. They tried and tried, but they were unsuccessful. The man even tried to climb the trash rack to get into the boat. The more he tried the more exhausted he became."

At that point, Potter realized they were going to need help especially with the current being strong from two generators running. Potter ran to the lock and had Bill Nelson, lock operator call 911. He then returned to the dam where he could hear the man calling for help. He made his way across the dam to the fence gate to gain access to the trash rack on the headwater side of the dam. It was locked so he crawled up the fence and slipped around the gate, which was no easy feat.

He then crawled across the cable that



Ranger Tadd Potter stands above the trash rack at Cheatham Dam where he held onto Mike Mays until rescue personnel arrived.

anchors the trash rack to the shore and made his way to the man.

"He was already up in the pontoons of the trash rack when I got to him," said Potter. "I could tell they had been drinking. The people in the boat asked if they should go get help. I said yes to get someone with another boat so they took off. By this time, Randy Olshove, who works at the Power Plant, was on top of

the dam and had a phone in his hand. He asked if I wanted him to call Old Hickory and have them turn off the generators. I said 'Yes, please do because the current is pretty strong.'" Old Hickory Power Plant remotely controls the operation of the Cheatham Power Plant.

Because the

force of the current keeps the trash rack lower when the generators are running, Potter was concerned after he was told the trash rack might move up when the generators were stopped. The decision was made to cut only one off and to do it gradually.

"At this point, Mike Mays, the man in the trash rack, was getting really weak and tired," said Potter. "He was slipping off the pontoon. I grabbed his hands and rested my hands on my knees to help hold him up and probably held him from five to ten minutes."

People

The Dickson County Sheriff's Office, Harpeth Ridge Volunteer Fire Department, TWRA, and Cheatham County Sheriff's Office responded to the 911 call.

"Harpeth Ridge Fire Department was the first ones to show up and they had someone's boat," said Potter. "We were able to have Mays work his way over with help to a gap in the pontoons. We were able to get him out there. They tied a rope around his wrist in case he did go under. We then got him into the boat."

Most observers agreed that Potter's

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This portion of the trash rack at Cheatham Dam was the site where Mike Mays clung to before Ranger Tadd Potter rushed to his rescue.



Ranger Tadd Potter crawled over this cable leading out to the trash rack at Cheatham Dam in order rescue Mike Mays as he clung to the trash rack.

direct involvement saved May's life, since May was weakening and unable to keep himself afloat.

What alerted Potter in the first place was the people who were in a danger area by the trash rack. He reacted quickly to ensure 911 was called, and then got personally involved. He says if he had it to do over again. He probably would have grabbed a life jacket for himself before he went out on the trash rack.

"I didn't think about my protection," said Potter. "My thoughts and concerns were on Mays. After it was all over and I looked back at it, I probably should have gotten a lifejacket before going over to him."

On Nov. 8, Potter was awarded the Superior Civilian Service Award by Brig. Gen. Steven Hawkins, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division Commander, for his selfless, life saving actions. □

Ranger Tadd Potter demonstrates how he had to slide through a locked gate to rescue Mike Mays as he struggled to hold onto the trash rack at Cheatham Dam.



New Parking Program Now in Place

by Bill Peoples

The Nashville District implemented a new parking program on Oct 1, which pays up to \$30 per month towards parking at specific lots for those team members enrolled in the program.

"The Parking Program is in place," said Mike Zoccola, chairman of the District Parking Committee. "We started it in October and have over 80 folks participating with most of them down in the Methodist lot and about 12-15 using the Gateway lot."

The new program is a direct result of employee concerns about parking around the Federal Building. A committee was chartered to look at parking issues and to come up with recommendations. The Parking Committee consists of Mike Zoccola, Connie Flatt, Bill Vecchione, Kathryn Firsching, and Joanne Mann. They recommended the Parking Program the District has implemented.

"We have two lots participating in the program, the Methodist Publishing House lot is on Clark Street between 7th and 8th Avenues," said Zoccola. "It is \$30-a-month, so the cost of that lot is completely offset by the co-pay. The Gateway lot, located where the old train shed used to be, is \$75-a-month, so the employee pays \$45 and the government pays \$30. It is still

early in the program, but we've had no complaints or problems."

Currently, Zoccola and other members of the Parking Committee are managing the new Parking Program while it gets up and running.

"If you are interested in the program, come see me," said Zoccola. "I decided for the short-term to stay involved and administer the program and run any problems or decisions that need to be made through the Committee. I've kept the Committee together so you need to come see me or any member of the Committee and we can give you information on how to get into the program. Basically, you just have to sign an agreement, which explains the program and outlines the monthly procedures. Both parking lots have additional capacity so there is not a limit at this time as to how many people we can sign-up."

Any permanent employee who is not involved with any other parking or mass transit program can sign-up for this program. This includes team members who might be involved in a temporary assignment at the District Office.

"The program is flexible," said Zoccola. "It is a month-to-month program. You can get in one month, be out the next and back in the following. You have to sign-up before the fifth day of the month at the lot where you want to park. Folks from the field who are temporarily working at the District can sign-up. We also tried to address the visitor-parking situation but with these lots being remote like they are, there's no way to accommodate visitor parking into them."

During recent surveys only a few items scored high as major concerns by employees and parking was at the top of the list. Because of the pro-activity of the Parking Committee and the support of the District's senior leadership, the new Parking Program is a real morale booster for many in the District Office.

"I'd like to thank the committee that helped on this," said Zoccola. "It was a lot of work and a lot of bureaucracy that we had to fight through. They did a good job. I'd like to thank the senior staff that saw the wisdom in doing this and agreed to put this program in place." □

Veteran Uses Creativity to Raise Awareness

Story and Photos by Bill Peoples

Although the Vietnam War ended over 25 years ago, it endures in the minds of many Vietnam veterans as America's forgotten war. One Vietnam veteran and Nashville District team member is working to change that and doing it in some creative ways.

Sam Ashworth, lock and dam equipment mechanic, Old Hickory Lock, served in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967, as a 11C, heavy weapons squad leader, with the 4th Infantry Division. He now uses opportunities such as parades and patriotic events to make sure people remember Vietnam.

People

"In 1996, I was watching the Veteran's Day Parade with mixed emotions and I decided that the next year I was not going to be on the sidelines, but in the parade," said Ashworth. "When I was in the Army, I had this idea about a parade that someday I would have a Welcome Home Parade, and people would appreciate us, but never did get it for 30 years."

In 1997, Ashworth's plans to be in the Veteran's Day parade came together and he got his parade.

"I had this brand new red convertible that I shined-up. I bought a big American Flag, and I made me a date out of a mannequin a buddy gave me," said Ashworth. "I went to the parade and they put me in behind the women veterans.



Sam Ashworth with memorabilia from his Vietnam tour. The photo he holds is a picture of Martha Ray, Ashworth and other buddies.

One of the women veterans said her knee was hurting and asked if she could ride. So that is how I did my first parade with a woman veteran sitting up on the back, the mannequin I call Dolly and myself."

Since then Ashworth has been in every Veteran's Day Parade in Nashville and in some other local celebrations and parades and plans to make the 2001 parade this year.

"Each year I try to add something, like last year I played Lee Greenwood's 'God Bless the USA,'" said Ashworth. "I throw out candy to the children. It just makes me feel so good."

Ashworth has added more mannequins each year so that now he has a car full of "dates," but Ashworth's appearances have a purpose that he shares any chance he gets.

"I'm a proud Vietnam veteran," said Ashworth. "I'm fulfilling a promise I made myself that if I lived through my one-year of combat in Vietnam, I would

come back and never let people forget the price that was paid. It hurts me to see how we've treated our Vietnam veterans."

Ashworth served in A Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry. He was part of the Weapons Platoon, which used 81mm mortars to provide close artillery support to members of his company and battalion.

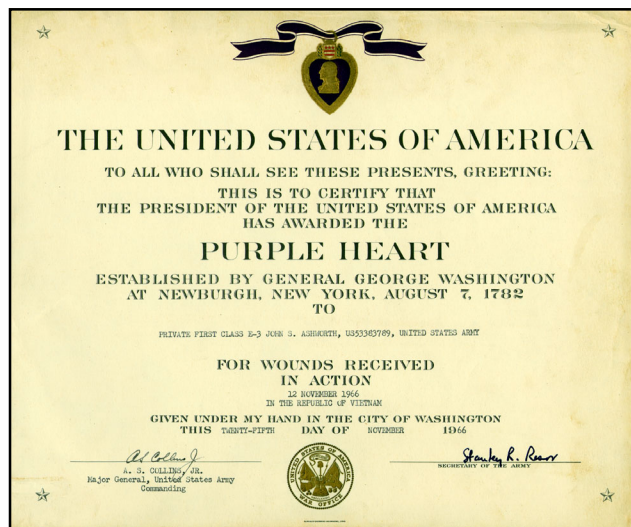
"We would carry the mortar and ammo in the field," said Ashworth. "We'd break it down, the tube, the tripod, and the inner and outer bases plates. Every night that we stopped, we'd set it up. Out of the three squads, one would man the mortar while the other two squads pulled guard duty. We rotated weekly."

Asked if he lost a lot of buddies in Vietnam, Ashworth bows his head and says with a tremor in his voice "Seven of the ten I went to Vietnam with were either killed, wounded, got sick or didn't make it back. I was lucky, very lucky."

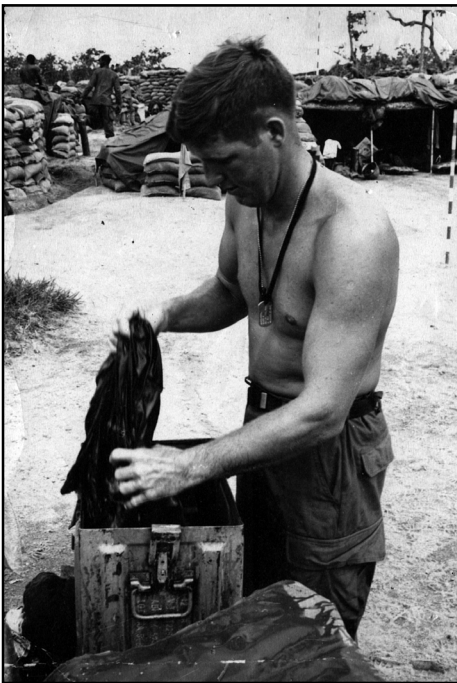
Though the years have removed the physical pain of this Purple Heart recipient, the emotional pain remains and the pain for other vets.

"I like to laugh and joke a lot, but inside I've got a lot of pain there, which I bottled-up for 30 years and is now coming out, but

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The Purple Heart Certificate of Sam Ashworth for wounds received during his tour in Vietnam, 1966-1967.



Sam Ashworth during his tour in Vietnam, 1966-1967, washes clothes. He served as a squad leader in Heavy Weapons Platoon in the 4th Infantry Division.

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it is not about me. I'm lucky. I've got a good job and have had a good career with the Corps. Many Vietnam vets have not been as fortunate. Those are the folks we must not forget, and we must always remember that freedom is not free. God Bless America." □



Sam Ashworth sits with his "dates" in his convertible outfitted for the Veteran's Day parade.

Hypothermia and Your Survival

by Steven Foshee

An important safety concern during the fall and winter months is hypothermia. Hypothermia is defined as a condition that exists when the body's temperature drops below 95 degrees Fahrenheit, 35 degrees Celsius and severe hypothermia occurs at temperatures below 90 degrees Fahrenheit and 32 degrees Celsius. Hypothermia can be caused by exposure to water or air. The reduction of body heat often results in loss of dexterity, loss of consciousness, and eventually loss of life. An individual who has been exposed to water will lose body heat 25 times faster in cold water than air and survival time is approximately 15 minutes.

"Water temperatures may still be at comfortable levels (75 degrees or above), but when one leaves the water, air temperatures and wind speeds may cause your body temperature to rapidly decrease and hypothermia to set in," said Mark Vaughan, conservation ranger at J. Percy Priest Lake.

Process

Individuals with severe hypothermia may display a slow pulse or none at all, breathing will be slow or non-existing and mental status needs to be checked for slurred speech, unresponsiveness to pain and verbal stimulus, staggering walk or unconsciousness. Other factors, which are not easily detected, are changes in blood chemistry, changes in oxygen and carbon dioxide content of the blood, dehydration.

While rescuing an individual, keep them in a horizontal position if possible. The horizontal position helps prevent shock and makes it easier to maintain blood flow to the brain. If this isn't possible during a rescue attempt make sure this takes place once a rescue vehicle arrives on the

scene. Make sure the individual has an open airway, is breathing and has a pulse. This process is known as ABC's (airway, breathing, circulation). Look for other signs such as frostbite and soft tissue injuries.

"Fall can be a time when weather conditions can really fool you," said Vaughan. "As an outdoorsman, one should be on their toes and be prepared for changes in weather conditions. Typically, I will start out with coveralls and shed clothing as the day wears on. Always plan for the unexpected, and as if you might end up in the water."

Another important factor is selecting proper clothing during the fall and winter months to include low absorption fabrics such as polyester, polypropylene and wool. These fabrics will work to keep you warm even if you are wet. Also, polypropylene dries out quicker than wool and doesn't soak up a lot of water. Dress in layers, which allows you to vary your covering as the temperatures and wind changes but most important will trap air between the layers. This trapped air is warmed by your body and provides excellent insulation.

What you know about hypothermia could save a life if you are stranded on an Interstate or assisting in a search and rescue operation. □



Photo courtesy of Tom Hood

(Left to right) Tom Hood, operation manager, Eastern Tennessee Area Office is shown with George Conner, retired navigation manager, TVA; David Reed, retired chief of the Lock Section; and Don Sharp, retired assistant chief of Operations. The photo was taken after one of their frequent hiking trips into the Smokey Mountains. The Corps and TVA have partnered together for many years and this is a hard habit to break.

The 2001 Leadership Development Program Class Gets its “*Hands On Nashville*”

by Jody Stanton,
LDP Program coordinator

Part of the excellent LDP curriculum is the opportunity to learn the value of “serving” as a leader. What better way to serve than to volunteer your time and talents helping a worthy cause right in your own community! That’s exactly what this year’s LDP class decided to do. The entire class voted to serve Nashville’s needs by participating in the 2001 *Hands On Nashville* volunteer opportunity.

We began our day of community service at the band shell at Centennial Park early on October 20. It was one of those beautiful fall days that make a Tennessee summer worth enduring.

People

Steve Barker held the Corps flag as a rallying point and one by one members of the Class of 2001 arrived. Martha Kelly, our LDP coordinator from Belmont, joined the group and added to the team spirit. Donuts, snack cakes, fruit, bagels, and juice were supplied to top up our sugar levels before we tackled the day’s work. A disc jockey played bebop to warm up the crowd while teams registered and were given some background on the history of Hands On Nashville.

As other teams gathered and registered, one leader walked up to Steve and said, “Everything’s going to be OK. The Corps of Engineers is here.” The whole scene felt more like a celebration than preparation for a workday.

With directions to our work site in hand we set out at 9:30 for our work site: Monroe Harding Children’s Home. This organization has been dear to my heart since I started volunteering for them 3 years ago. Children’s Home CEO Patty Harman personally welcomed our team and gave us a brief history and outline of the organization’s programs. The Home began as an orphanage 130 years ago and presently provides a temporary home for up to 50 high school age young men and women. The home is located on 34 beautiful acres in Green Hills.

The program emphasizes developing the resident’s skills through education, counseling, and responsibilities so that they are equipped to lead productive lives and develop healthy relationships. The Home also provides a non-resident mentoring program through volunteers for at risk kids in middle school. In short, the staff and volunteers at MHCH try hard to grow leaders and good citizens from young people in tough circumstances.

The pleasant fall weather beacons us outside but Christy, the Home’s volunteer coordinator, had other ideas. As a group of obviously trustworthy and capable individuals (not sure where they got that idea) we were assigned to trim painting detail in Trabue Hall. This stately structure built in 1934 is one of the two original buildings at the Green Hills location. Paint brushes at the ready we climbed the stairs to the administration offices on the second floor.

Hallways filled with wood trim and doors stretched in all directions and our eyes began to glaze over. Luckily Major Shelton recognized the early onset of battle fatigue and got the team moving. As Shania Twain was “feeling like a woman” on the radio we got busy. Bill Bennett injected his own special brand of enthusiasm and in no time previously undiscovered painting talents began to emerge. Martha showed an immediate



Photo courtesy of the LDP Program
The Team (minus Bill Bennett) at Trabue Hall, Monroe Children’s Home, during their participation in “Hands On Nashville.”

grasp of the finer points of door painting. Steve Barker’s steady hand (surprising for a Saturday morning) expertly cut in around windowpanes. Teneese used a paint roller for high-speed production work. The Major’s sharp eyes (honed by years of spotting wild game) caught every missed spot and errant drop of paint, and Tim Dunn inspected the work closely to see whom he wanted to recruit for helping him paint his own new house. In a couple of hours the job was done and Paul Bluhm was able to demonstrate the proper technique for high speed brush cleaning.

Some of the more ambitious members of the group had still not had enough so they went outside to offer help and expert advice to MHCH’s staff on how to construct a walking trail. Andreas Patterson, Brad Bishop, and Tim Dunn were able to offer Patty Harman some great information on design and grant opportunities.

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EAGLE Class Learns Through Serving the Community

by Joe Stevens

After six months, the 2001 EAGLE (Employees Achieving Greatness and Leadership Excellence) Class is flying higher than ever with pride, a sense of accomplishment, and a little sorrow. As the healing of our nation started after the World Trade Center and Pentagon incidents on Sept. 11, the EAGLEs moved onto their next flight that brought them to the middle Tennessee area for two community service projects on Oct. 10-11.

On Wednesday, Oct. 10, the EAGLE class assembled to revitalize and rededicate the Buffalo Valley Nature Trail below the Center Hill Dam. They started by conducting a safety meeting, unloading materials, and then breaking into work teams for the day. The duties varied. They dug holes for new signs, installed new benches, a trail sign, bird feeders, and trashcans, built a new wild life viewing area with a slotted wall to view the wild life; and planted an area of wild flowers. Fifteen of the 16 EAGLE students, plus their advisors Joanne Mann and William James, enjoyed the nice weather, great camaraderie, and a tremendous sense of accomplishment.

The EAGLEs stayed at the Center Hill transient quarters that night. They

enjoyed great food, a movie, company, and a few “vigorous” games of cards. Rhonda Varnell, Joe Stevens, Dan Dowlin, and Joanne Booker coordinated all the logistical (cabin, food, etc.) requirements for the overnight stay. Annie Stewart and Joanne Booker grilled the meal. The day ended with a new walking trail but not before rehearsing for the next day of community service!

People

Following an evening of presentation rehearsals, led by Beryl Newsome and Ray Hedrick, the 2001 EAGLE Class spent the next day speaking at career day for Gordonsville High School. The EAGLEs arrived before the students, set up the visual aid projectors, and prepared for a morning of teaching 9th-12th graders about the Corps. A team leader led each of the five three-person teams. The five teams each gave a fifteen-minute opening presentation on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Nashville District. Each of the three team members then gave a presentation about their specific jobs as well as careers within the District. The day spent at the school was not only helpful to

the students but to the EAGLE students as well. As a whole, the 2001 EAGLE class felt if they “connected” with just a few student then they would succeed in their mission. Their presentations reached more than 100 students. The EAGLE students learned more about themselves, refined their public speaking skills, and touched the next generation of potential Corps employees. Advisor William James admitted he graduated from Gordonsville High School “an incredibly long time



Photo courtesy of the EAGLE Program
Miller Moore and Joe Stevens dig holes for the Buffalo Valley Trail at Center Hill.

ago.”

The 2001 EAGLE Class will conclude in November with a final trip to Belmont University. It will give one more presentation on how the 2001 Class would like to be remembered. The final discussion will cover what was learned during the year and how class members will apply those lessons to their lives in the future. Each person will graduate knowing that EAGLE was hard work but well worth the effort. The 2001 EAGLE Class is flying higher than ever. Even after graduation, these team members will continue to fly with pride as they serve the Nashville District and this great nation. The eagle is a proud bird and a symbol of strength. The 2001 EAGLE Class is also a proud symbol of the Nashville District. God bless our great nation. □

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I can’t speak for all but I certainly was proud of our group and impressed once again by the depth of talent in this great District. Special thanks to Doug DeLong not just for painting a whole lot of trim but for many hours of support to the Hands on Nashville organizing group, to Brad for supplying paint brushes and to Martha for her energy, enthusiasm and generosity. I have spoken to several of the staff at MHCH since that Saturday. They appreciated what we did for the Home and recognized the class of 2001 as a special group of people. Finally, the participants in this year’s LDP class learned that a leader serving the needs of their subordinates (and the community) is the most important gift in leadership. □



Photo courtesy of the EAGLE Program
Marshall Jennings talks to students at Gordonsville High School.



Photo by Dan Loftin

Brig. Gen. Steven Hawkins, commander, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, makes a point during a Town Hall Meeting on Nov. 8 during his visit to the Nashville District.

Division Commander

by Bill Peoples

The Great Lakes and Ohio River Division Commander, Brig. Gen. Steven Hawkins visited the Nashville District Office on Nov. 8 to receive an update on the District's operations and to hold a Town Hall Meeting with District team members.

Hawkins spent the first part of the morning being briefed by senior staff and project managers who gave him an overview of the District and highlighted several key programs and projects.



Photo by Dan Loftin

Brig. Gen. Steven Hawkins, commander, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, walks among the audience during his Town Hall Meeting in Nashville on Nov. 8.

After the briefings, Hawkins took a quick tour of staff offices in the Federal Building. The Town Hall featured a new venue for District meetings. It was held in the auditorium of the Frist Center for the Visual Arts. In addition to hearing Hawkins, attendees had the option of touring the Center free during the rest of the afternoon.

During the Town Hall, Hawkins gave an overview of Division's Emergency Operations and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' involvement in the

recovery operations in New York and Washington, D.C., in the ongoing Operation Enduring Freedom, and possible future roles for USACE in the Operation.

Hawkins also took some time to recognize several individuals with special awards. Tadd Potter received the Superior Civilian Service Award for exemplary performance in responding to a life-threatening situation at Cheatham Lake. Tom Swor received two Commander's Awards for Civil Service for his participation on the Ohio River Ecosystem Restoration Program Team and for serving on the team, which produced the Chief's Report on the John T. Myers and Greenup Lock Improvement Program.

Barney Davis received the 2001 CELRD Leadership Excellence Award for his exceptional performance in the merger that produced the Engineering and Construction Division, the construction supervision of the Kentucky Lock Expansion, and



Photo by Dan Loftin

Brig. Gen. Steven Hawkins, commander, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, presents the Superior Civilian Service Award to Ranger Tadd Potter for his exemplary performance during a life-threatening situation at Cheatham Lake.



Photo by Dan Loftin

Brig. Gen. Steven Hawkins, commander, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, presents the CELRD Team award to Nashville District members of the Hurricane Mitch Reconstruction Team for their work in Nicaragua. Pictured are Tommy Haskins, Dennisse Hazell, Barry Moran, Brig. Gen. Steven Hawkins, Gary House, Tim McCleskey, John Hunter, Ken Hull, and Mark Flick.

Visits Nashville District Office



Photo by Dan Loftin

Brig. Gen. Steven Hawkins, commander, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, presents two Commander's Awards for Civil Service to Tom Swor for his work on Division teams.

his part in implementing the Leadership Development Program in the Nashville District. Yvette Walker was recognized as the 2001 CELRD Administrative and Office Support Employee of the Year Award for her exceptional performance of duty as the secretary of the Operations Division. The CELRD Team Award was presented to the Hurricane Mitch Reconstruction Team, made up of members from

Mobile, Huntington and Nashville Districts, for providing valuable aid to the devastated country of Nicaragua.

Hawkins also presented coins to several team members: Jean Todd, Robert Smyth, Bill Bennett, Mark Hallar, Phil Burney, Steve Moneymaker, Harry Blazek, Bill Peoples, Mickie Porter, Connie



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Brig. Gen. Steven Hawkins, commander, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, presents the 2001 CELRD Leadership Award to Barney Davis for his leadership in the Engineering-Construction Division and his part in initiating the Leadership Development Program in the Nashville District.

Hardeman, Elaine Bustillos, and Carl Durrett.

After the Town Hall, Hawkins had lunch with members of the 2001 Leadership Development and EAGLE Programs. During lunch, members of these programs briefed him about their

activities during the year.

Although a lot was packed into a few hours, Hawkins took with him a greater understanding of the Nashville District and left behind important information on current operations and more than a few individual awards. □

Photo by Dan Loftin

Brig. Gen. Steven Hawkins, commander, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, presented coins to District team members for exemplary performance. Pictured are (left to right) Carl Durrett, Elaine Bustillos, Mark Hallar, Mickie Porter, Brig. Gen. Steven Hawkins, Bill Bennett, Harry Blazek, Bill Peoples, Robert Smyth, Jean Todd, Phil Burney, and Steve Moneymaker.



Mussels Moved Below Kentucky Lock

Story and Photos by Bill Peoples

During this August, native mussels in an area downstream from Kentucky Lock were relocated in order to make way for construction features associated with the new lock project. About 54,000 mussels were moved comprising 30 different species at a cost of about \$200,000.

"What we are doing here is relocating the native freshwater mussels that are in the area of two stone jetties that are going to be built in the next few months," said Richard Tippitt, wildlife biologist, Water Management Section, Hydrology and Hydraulics Branch. "The two jetties are mitigation or replacement for construction-related lost fishing access upstream, and all this is connected with the Kentucky Lock project."

Process

The two jetty sites are within a Kentucky State Mussel Sanctuary, located on the Tennessee River downstream from Kentucky Lock and Dam. The mussels are being moved to another part of the sanctuary about two miles downstream.

"We just finished the lower jetty, the larger of the two, and had moved about 45,000 mussels," said Tippitt. "On the upper jetty, we expect to move around 9,000, which would be about 54,000 total. This area represents a very high quality

Dr. Jim Sickel, a professor of biology at Murray State University and a malacologist, tags a rare species of mussel before it is place on a new section of the Tennessee River.

habitat for the mussels. Mussels are protected from commercial harvesting in the sanctuary."

The movement and saving of the mussels is important for ecological reasons.

"Mussels are filter feeders so they remove some of the solids from water, and from a biologist's standpoint, seeing that diversity of mussels, the numbers and species, says to me that this area of the river is in good condition," said Tippitt. "The mussel population is totally dependent on the fish population for their continued existence. A good mussel population in an area usually indicates a good fishery. They are also a very good ecological indicator of quality. When

mussels are very young they must parasitize fish for a period of time, therefore they are absolutely dependent upon fish, usually particular species being present."

Some critics of this project might charge there are plenty of mussels in the area. So why save these mussels?

"I came to Murray State 26 years ago because of the mussels in this area," said Dr. Jim Sickel, a professor of biology at Murray State University and a malacologist, who served as a technical expert, counting the mussels and identifying them. "This area, the Tennessee, Ohio and Cumberland Rivers, is rich in different species and I think this project shows how responsible the Corps is being to protect the ecological balance here. We are finding some mussels that are on the Commonwealth of Kentucky threatened

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A contract diver with Mainstream Diving of Murray, Kentucky, prepares to enter the Tennessee River (left) and then enters the water (right) where he will gather mussels for about three to four hours.

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list and it is important to save these mussels.”

A contractor, Mainstream Commercial Divers, from Murray, Ky., did the mussel collection and movement. The contract divers had to comply with all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers diving regulations, which are very strict according to Tippitt.

“This the first time I’ve been involved with a relocation dive,” David Baumgartner, a diver with Mainstream Diving. “I’ve done bottom surveys before to see what kind of mussels are there. We use a similar system. We have marked the jetty areas. We are working with rope and we laid a line from upstream to downstream, spaced every five meters. We have a grid, which is five meters square, which we lay down. We start upstream and as we finish a strip, we flip the grid and we move over to the next row.”

The process continued as the divers sifted by hand through the river bottom to find the mussels, which are placed in mesh bags. Once they have a bag or bags of mussels, they are brought to shore where they are counted and identified. The rare species are also measured, weighed and tagged. The mussels are then taken to their new location and placed on the riverbed. The mussels will rebury themselves in the river bottom where they will spend the rest of their lives.

“The scope of this project is unique,” said Tippitt. “We are not only moving a considerable number of mussels we are also doing it in three weeks. The magnitude of the operation is unique. For me it has been a real learning experience.”

In the big picture of building a new addition at Kentucky Lock, this part of the project is very small, but it sends a powerful message about the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

“Somebody has to take care of the little mussels,” said Don Manning, a

contractor with Mainstream Diving who sorted and identified the mussels. “No television crew goes out when we release mussels, but the mussels are an important part of the aquatic ecology. By taking the time and spending the money to do this, the Corps is setting an example for others to follow. This is a very worthwhile effort.” □

Dr. Jim Sickel, a professor of biology at Murray State University and a malacologist, and Don Manning, a contractor with Mainstream Diving, count and identify mussels before they are taken to their new location and placed on the riverbed.



Richard Tippitt, wildlife biologist, Water Management Section, Hydrology and Hydraulics Branch, carries a mesh bag of mussel to count and identify before putting back in the Tennessee River near the Kentucky Lock and Dam as part of a mussel relocation project.

Old Hickory Golf Course Recognized

Story and Photos by Ed Evans

A morning mist is rising off the lazy slough as a heron crane lifts into effortless flight. In the nearby fairway of Hole No. 2, a parade of Canadian Geese amble across the wide expanse as two golfers pause to let them pass by. The calmness of the slough is interrupted as two dinner plate size turtles wrestle one another for territorial rights, turning over and over in the dense water. Across the shielding line of trees, another set of golfers tee up on one of the six sets of tees that begin each hole.

Although the terrain looks like the lowlands of Georgia, this is the President's Reserve course, one of two courses at the Hermitage Golf Course in Hermitage, Tenn., just outside of Nashville.

Unlike anything golfers will find anywhere outside of the Deep South, this one-year-old course has already been awarded three significant recognitions for its outstanding environmental achievements.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which issued a 1998 permit for the construction of the President's Reserve, and offered recommendations for preserving



Creative bridging and judicious design of accesses to the 18-hole Hermitage Golf Course that preserve the natural environment are only part of the reason this unique course has received recognition honors from the Audubon Society, the Tennessee Conservation League, and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

the natural habitat, nominated the course for the Soil and Land Conservationist of the Year award, sponsored by the Tennessee Conservation League.

President's Reserve won not only that

award, but also received the 2001 Aquatic Resource Preservation "Certificate of Merit" from the Tennessee Department of Conservation for its stewardship of the extensive wetlands across its 280-acre course.

Recently, this conservationist's and golfer's dream was selected as a certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary, only the third in Tennessee and the 303rd worldwide.

Although in most cases an 18-hole golf course needs only 189 acres, owner Mike Eller and Superintendent Bobby Schultz planned and constructed the course on 280 acres in order to minimize wetland impacts while maintaining wetland buffers and the

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This blend of the wild with manicured greens is a hallmark of the 280-acre President's Reserve at the Hermitage Golf Course in Hermitage, Tenn. The owners' emphasis on wetlands preservation serves the best interest of this Cumberland River oxbow lake remnant while allowing golfers to enjoy their game in the lush environment of the southern lowlands.

for Environmental Achievements



This view from fairway No. 8, through the trees and across the bridge over oxbow lake to No. 2 demonstrates why many golfers, if they drive their ball into the rough, simply drop one and take a stroke rather than go looking for their lost ball in the wilderness of the President's Reserve.

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natural forested areas.

Part of the Army Corps of Engineers' concern rested in the prospective golf course's location along the Cumberland River. This had the potential to impact significant wetlands, including two sloughs that are remnants of the only two remaining Cumberland River oxbow lakes upstream of Clarksville, Tenn.

While designers were originally able to reduce impacts to only 3.1 of the 45 acres of wetlands, Eller and Schultz insisted endemic plants be incorporated in plans



Small touches of classic design through the course and tree-lined wide fairways that make up for wilderness and wetlands rough areas, give the President's Reserve Course its own distinctive southern lowlands look at the Hermitage Golf Course in Tennessee.

President's Reserve is a rich combination of artistic recreation and preserved wetlands that are home to 24 plants unique to the area. As a result, Middle Tennessee State University has partnered with Hermitage Golf Course to develop education programs, nature studies, and environmental quality enhancement projects.



for buffer areas around irrigation ponds, and required shallow shelves for those ponds to include planting with obligatory wetland plants. Their final plans included a restrictive covenant to protect 43.6 acres

of wetlands in perpetuity, restored and created 5.23 acres of wetlands, and 17.74 acres of upland forests and buffers as natural resource protection areas. □



To the goose's eye, the President Reserve is a vast aviary food bar with touches of shaved greenery in between. Golfers sometimes must wait patiently as these Canadian Geese waddle their way across fairway No. 14 enroute to lunch at the nearby oxbow lake remnant at the Hermitage Golf Course.

Reeves is Employee of the Quarter for April – June

by Bill Peoples

Julie Reeves, administrative office assistant, Management Support Branch, Operations Division, was named the Employee of the Quarter for April – June. Reeves was recognized for her exceptional efforts in coordinating the Training Program for the Operations Division.

“She is the individual many field office administrative personnel and supervisors, as well as other divisions, have leaned on for guidance and assistance particularly in the training area,” said Yvette Walker, secretary, Operations Division. “She has willingly conducted several hands-on and step-by-step training sessions for personnel responsible for the training programs in their areas.”

Reeves was particularly recognized during the April-June quarter for her coordination and preparation of Operations Division’s Training Survey.

“One of Julie’s most significant accomplishments during the quarter was coordinating and completing the FY02 Training Survey for Operations,” said Walker. “Many of the field office clerks/technicians were unable to access the

computerized training software program to enter their data within the short timeframe provided. Without any qualm and with an already substantial workload, Julie dealt with the field office clerks/technicians in a calm, professional and helpful manner. She entered their training data ensuring their deadline was met and that all employee’s training requests were submitted for consideration.”

Although the Operations Division’s Training Program requires a lot attention, Reeves finds time to participate in her favorite hobbies — running and gardening. Her husband, retired Col. David Reeves, USMC, runs a computer store where she helps out. They have two children, Shannon, who is a student aide in the Readiness Branch of the Operations Division and son Josh, who is a student at Nashville Tech taking courses in general studies.

Walker summed up Reeves’ contributions to Operations this way, “Her selfless acts of kindness demonstrate she is a person who puts other’s needs in front of her own, a person one can count on to get the job done, a person the Operations Division is very fortunate to have on our team!” □



Come one, come all to the Nashville District’s Annual Christmas Luncheon and Play!

The much anticipated event will take place on December 11, 2001, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church (in the Fellowship Hall).

This year’s play, adapted from Dr. Suess’ animated Christmas classic, will feature District Counsel, Bob Miller, as the mean old Grinch who attempts to steal the Corps’ Christmas. An ugly sight it will be! You wouldn’t want to miss it!

Be sure to join Bob and several other newcomers to the stage in the fellowship, food, and fun of our annual Christmas program!

Please contact Kristal Jones, CT, at (615) 736-7916 to purchase your ticket for the luncheon or contact Stephanie Coleman, EO, at (615) 736-5273 for additional information regarding the program. □

Retiree Corner

by Hobart Parrish

The October 2001 Retiree’s Luncheon at the Piccadilly in Madison, Tenn., was attended by more than 50 people. Several there had not attended lately or came for the first time. We welcome them, Charlie Harris, Henry Hamilton, Bob Amonette, Wayne Hickman, C.P. Danielson, Mickey Bess and Ralph Fike. Sorry if I missed some. We missed Col. Lee Tucker who has been a regular.

Our master of ceremonies, Ed Lockett, did a great job. Our speaker, John Grogan, was excellent in his presentation as was Charlie Hooper in explaining why

all workers and retiree’s should belong to the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. It also includes those still working, in both retirement systems, CSRS & FERS.

Make plans to attend our next Luncheon on March 20, 2002, at the Piccadilly in Madison, Tenn., at noon. We hope to have the new Nashville District Engineer, Lt. Col. Steve Gay, with us. Lt. Gen. Bob Flowers, Chief of Engineers, was a speaker at the NACCCA Reunion and was enjoyed by all. For more information contact Hobart Parish at (615) 855-1952. □



Photo by Ed Evans

Nashville District team members and supporters at the 2001 Corporate Challenge. Overall the District Team came in second in Division C. Pictured are: sitting (left to right) Joanne Mann with her dog, Mally, Gail Floyd with her dog, Kathie, Maj. Rich Shelton, Steven Davis, Barney Davis, Nicole Gay and Wesley Gay; second row (kneeling left to

right) Lannae Long, B.J. Fagan, Roger Brown, Sue Crofutt, Tadd Potter, Dane Owens, Lt. Col Gay and his wife, Lisa; third row (standing left to right) Roohieh Parsa, Doug Delong, Bob Miller, Bill Barnes, Dave Day, Mark Klimaszewski, Jody Stanton, Barry Schulte, Clayton Deal, Jim Deal. District team members from the Nashville and field offices participated in the event involving athletes from corporate offices in the Nashville area.

Sadler is Employee of the Quarter for July – September

by Bill Peoples

Jay Sadler, project manager, with Planning, Programs and Project Management Division, is the Employee of the Quarter for July – Sept. Sadler was recognized for taking on extra responsibilities during the quarter and excelling at program execution.

"I nominated Jay Sadler for Employee of the Quarter for his commitment and dedication to the Nashville District," said Tom Cayce, acting chief, Project Delivery Branch. "When asked to be the Project Manager on the Middlesborough (Ky.) Channel Project due to short-term staffing needs, he accepted the opportunity without hesitation."

Sadler resolved funding issues as the project's construction activities wound

down. Using his leadership skills, he brought together in-house staff, non-Federal sponsors, and interested Congressional staffs to identify the remaining issues and to reach consensus in solving those issues.

Even with this additional workload, Sadler was able to execute two Project Cooperation Agreements (PCAs) during the quarter, which assisted the Nashville District and the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division to meet their command management goals for FY 01.

When Sadler is not leaping tall projects in a single bound, he is busy with his favorite hobby, brewing beer.

"He is an accomplished home brewer of fine beers and is a member of the Music City Brewers," said Maj. Rich Shelton,

deputy commander, Nashville District.

"Jay serves as an expert judge at local brewing competitions and recently won a regional competition in Memphis, the prize being a trip to Cancun, Mexico.

Sadler is also a husband to wife, Laura and a father to daughters, Sara, age 16, and Alex, age 10. According to Cayce, they keep him busy as "a chauffeur, counselor, coach, handyman, cook, bottle washer and other activities related to being a husband/father."

"Jay has not only excelled during this quarter, he has two more PCAs in process that will be ready to execute in the first quarter of FY 02," said Cayce. "Jay not only maintains but improves projects and interactions between project owners, team members, and customers." □

The Corps Crowd

Congratulations to...

... the following who received awards from the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association: J. Percy Priest Lake — Poole Knob Campground — Four Star Award for Renovated Facility; Cheatham Lake — Fish Bustin' Rodeo — Four Star Program Award; and Tim Dunn — Resource Management Award for Excellence.

... Luis A. Bustillos, husband of Elaine Bustillos, Security Office, who is featured in a new book that was just published called, "NASHVILLE, An American Portrait". He is featured in Chapter 3, "Sung and Unsung." Highlights include his work and involvement in being a leader in the Hispanic community and his work as an interpreter with the Metro Courts in Davidson County. This book can be found at Barnes and Noble, and other bookstores throughout Nashville and Tennessee."

... Tiffany Hedrick, daughter of Ray Hedrick, ecologist, Project Planning Branch, on being named a National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist. Tiffany, a senior at David Lipscomb High School, qualified by scoring in the top one percent nationally among all high school students taking the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test. She is currently entered in the next phase of the competition seeking to advance to Finalist level.

... Kathy Lachicotte, Real Estate Division, on the graduation and commissioning of her son, Second Lt. George P. (Trey) Lachicotte, III, from the University of Tennessee in December 2000 with a Degree in Accounting and a Degree in Finance; graduation from Officer Training School at Fort. Benning, Ga. in May 2001; Officer Honor Graduate from U.S. Army Airborne School (Winner of the William T. Ryder Award) June 2001; and graduation from the U.S. Army Ranger School on October 12, 2001 at Ft. Benning, Ga.

... Gayla Mitchell, Volunteer Clearing-house, received the Business Section Employee of the Year and Tony Cummings, Maps and Charts Sales, received the 110 Percent Award at the Goodwill Banquet.

Welcome to...

... Judy Potaczek, training program specialist in the, Management Analysis

Branch, Resource Management Office. Judy comes from the U.S. Army MEDDAC at Ft. Hood, Tex. At Fort Hood, Judy was a civilian personnel administrative assistant with the Civilian Personnel Liaison Office. She was the training liaison and coordinator for MEDDAC, responsible for monitoring training, administering the training needs survey, assisting employees in preparing nominations for training, preparing training plans, monitoring supervisory training, and presenting statistical reports on the training program. She has a Computer Science degree from Central Texas College, and lives in the Clarksville area.

... Chynell P. Carney, the budget technician in the Logistics Management Office. She reported for duty on Oct. 22, and comes to us from Fort Campbell.

... Charlie McCormick, who started work Nov. 4, as park contract inspector at the Lake Cumberland Resource Manager's Office.

Wedding Bells to...

... Pat Lane, son and stepson of Joan and John Lambrecht, who married Joyce Lane on September 21. They went to see the Green Bay Packers beat the Washington Redskins in Green Bay for their honeymoon. They are residing in Erlanger, Ky.

Baby Brigade to...

... Tim Higgs, environmental engineer in Project Planning Branch, who had a daughter born on Oct. 7. Sierra Lynn Higgs weighed 5 pounds, 6 ounces. Tim's wife is Jennifer Higgs.

... Bonnie Rawle, secretary in the Executive Office, has a new grandson, Parker Harrison Maloney, born on Oct. 31. Parents are Lee Ann and Andy Maloney.

... Ginia Bevis, navigation office assistant, Mid-Tennessee River Area Office, and her husband Billy, on the birth of their daughter, Emily Grace, who was born July 30, weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces and 21 inches long.

... Dale E. Overly, shift operator at Wolf Creek Power Plant, is the proud to announce the birth of a grandson, Seth Addison Overly, born Oct. 15. This is his fourth grandchild.

Sympathies to ...

... Sharon Wilson, Regulatory Branch, whose father, Mr. Jay W. (Dub) Smith passed away Sept. 25

... Kimberly Spicer, Cost Estimating and Management Support Branch, whose stepfather, Mr. David Hall, stepfather passed away on Sept. 26, after an extended illness.

... Mike McGee, formerly of the Nashville District now with the Defense Automated Printing Service (DAPS) whose father, John William McGee, passed away on Oct. 30.

... Sandra Walters, office assistant for Eastern Kentucky Area Office and the Lake Cumberland Resource Manager's Office, whose father, Royce Roy, passed away on Oct. 3.

Thank you from...

... Bill Stone, maintenance worker, Guntersville Lock, would like to thank each one of his coworkers who donated leave to keep him in a paid status during his chemotherapy treatments. His family appreciates all the support everyone has provided during this past summer. His last CAT scan showed no evidence of cancer and he is now receiving weekly shots to bring his blood cells and immune system back up.

... Gary Rumley, a Lock and Dam operator at Pickwick Lock. Mr. Rumley, a cancer patient, is awaiting approval for disability retirement and is in receipt of leave donations from the District. These donations have meant so much to him and his family, keeping them going since his leave has been depleted. He shares his thanks and appreciation for the support from Nashville District employees.

... Sharon Wilson, Regulatory Branch: "Thanks to all of you for the prayers, cards, flowers and phone calls at the passing of my Dad. At a time such as this, good friends mean a lot and the Nashville District Corps is the best." □



Corps Command Chaplain to Visit Nashville Office

by Ed Evans

Col. Lowell P. Moore, Command Chaplain for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will visit the Nashville District Office on January 9-10, 2002.

The Command Chaplain has planned his trip to visit with Nashville team members and learn more about the District. His activities during the visit may include a voluntary prayer breakfast, lunch Bible study, and visiting with employees and nearby field sites.

Although the role of Chaplain in the U.S. Armed Forces is sometimes misunderstood by those outside the military, Chaplain Moore's intentions are spelled out in the mission he has placed on his website: "Provide religious support for the soldiers, civilians, and family members of the United States Army Corps of Engineers and assist the command in creating an environment that promotes high values, morals, and quality of life."

His website address is <http://www.hq.usace.army.mil/chaplain/main.htm>.

A native of Union City, Ind, Chaplain Moore attended Pasadena College where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Religion followed by a Masters of Divinity from Nazarene Theological Seminary. He pastored the San Francisco First Church of the Nazarene until he became a chaplain in the United States Army in 1976.

As an Army Chaplain, he has served in Fort Leonard Wood, Mi; Germany; N.J; Fort Carson, Colorado; Fort Richardson, Ak; Fort Bragg, N.C., which included participating in Desert Storm, Saudi Arabia; Fort Lewis, Wa.; Camp Zama, Japan; Fort Eustis, Va; and Washington, D.C. His duty assignments include Battalion Chaplain, Brigade Chaplain, Family Life Chaplain, Post Pastor, Chapel Recourse Manager, Installation Chaplain, Corps Chaplain, and Major Army Command Chaplain.

Chaplain Moore's awards and decora-



tions include the Legion of Merit Medal, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (six awards), the Army Commendation Medal, the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the South West Asia Service Medal and the Parachutist Badge.

The Chaplain's family consists of his wife, Betty, and two married daughters. □

Contributions to 2001 Combined Federal Campaign Set New Record for Nashville



Part of the 2001 Combined Federal Campaign Team stand in front of the total raised during the Campaign, \$54,831.24, the most raised during a Nashville District campaign. Pictured are: (kneeling left to right) Mickie Porter and Bill Peoples, 2001 Co-Chairs; second row (left to right) key leaders: Andreas Patterson, Joanne Booker, Elaine Bustillos, Juan Fernandez; third row (left to right) key leaders: Frankie Silver, Joanne Miller, Vince Greer, Emily Carr, and Carol LeSturgeon. Not pictured are key leaders: Dinita Beard, Karen Cowan, Shonka Durkueh, Katherine Firsching, Connie Flatt, Diane Frost, Mary Hayeland, Janice Kane, Zina Ledford, Linda Lee, Terry Martin, Shalanda McMurray, Bert Merritt, Cullum Miller, Larry Miller, Brant Norris, Tadd Potter, Annie Stewart, Nancy Taylor, Greg Thomas and Debbie Tuck.

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Fishing Rodeo 2001 Rides Into Old Hickory Lake

Travis Wiley, park ranger

On Sept. 15, Park Rangers at Old Hickory Lake hosted the 2nd Annual Fishing Rodeo event at Rockland Recreation Area. The event was designed to introduce and promote fishing to young people. Seventeen fourth and fifth grade students from Walton Ferry Elementary School attended the event.

The students began casting for fish at 9:15 a.m. By the time the last hook was pulled from the water at 11:15 a.m., the young anglers had caught 87 fish. With each catch, a fish was rushed to the weighing scales by an enthusiastic child.

After the fishing had ended, the participating students and accompanying parents gathered in a nearby shelter to enjoy a snack and receive prizes.

The Fishing Rodeo allowed the students a chance to see the enjoyment that fishing can provide. It also helped

them gain an appreciation for the local wildlife and natural resources. The staff at Old Hickory Lake hope that this event

helped the children to better understand the importance of conserving and protecting the environment. □



Photo by Travis Willey

Hailey Treloar was one seventeen fourth and fifth graders from Walton Ferry Elementary School during Old Hickory Lake's second annual Fishing Rodeo at the Rockland Recreation Area.